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BRAATEN APPOINTED TO COMMISSION

Victoria Braaten has been named to the State Library Commission by Ed Argenbright, Superintendent of Public Instruction. She replaces Sheila Cates who has left OPI to work as Library Services Coordinator at the State Library (see adjoining article).

Ms. Braaten has roots in Big Timber, Montana where she worked for Continental Telephone of the West. She also served as County Treasurer, Clerk of District Court and for 19 years, as Clerk of the School District.

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PRISON PROGRAM'S 1ST YEAR A SUCCESS

The Montana State Prison Recording Program celebrates its first anniversary in November. Initiated by State Representative Budd Gould of Missoula, the recording program has inmates record Montana books and magazines for persons unable to read conventional print because of a visual or physical handicap. With the help of Dave Beatty, Montana State Prison Librarian, and Sheena LaMere, Montana State Library Coordinator, twelve inmates work in a sound booth at the prison library producing recordings that are enjoyed throughout the state.

CATES NAMED LIBRARY SERVICES COORDINATOR

Sheila Cates has been named Library Services Coordinator at the Montana State Library. She was previously Library Media Specialist at the Office of Public Instruction. She replaces Beth Givens who has left the library to attend the University of Washington's graduate program in Communications.

Ms. Cates received her Master of Library Science from the University of Oklahoma. She has worked as a School Librarian, as Library and Learning Resources Coordinator for the State of Oklahoma, as Coordinator of an LSCA project in Wisconsin promoting school and public library cooperation, and as the Public Information Specialist for the Madison and South Central Wisconsin Library System.

In Montana, she hopes to promote greater cooperation between various types of libraries. She also hopes her work with the State Automation Committee will help libraries move in the direction of automation.

MONTANAN WINS MPLA AWARD

At its annual meeting in Las Vegas, the Mountain Plains Library Association presented Brenda Schye of Glasgow with its Legislative Leadership Award. The award, given for her work as lobbyist for Montana Arts Advocacy, a grass-roots citizens' coalition, reads as follows: "To Brenda Schye, for providing an organized and comprehensive citizen-based lobbying effort for culture on behalf of libraries, museums and the arts across Montana and especially for positive results in the 1985 legislature."

Ms. Schye lives on a dryland wheat farm outside of Glasgow with her husband, Ted, who is the representative for District 18 of the Montana Legislature.

LITERACY PROGRAMS

If your library is interested in literacy programs, write for your free copy of Guidelines for Effective Adult Literacy Programs from one of the sources listed below. Guidelines, funded by B. Dalton Bookseller, contains seven chapters which focus on key components in a literacy program. Each chapter contains an assessment checklist. For a local program, this document would provide the necessary "how-to" information. Copies are available in a limited quantity from the following:

Association for Community Based Education
1806 Vernon Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20009
(202) 462-6333
Contact: Joan Eads

Council of State Directors of Adult Education
Division of Adult & Community Education
Indiana Dept. of Education
Room 229, State House
Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 927-0344
Contact: Mary G. Williams

Laubauch Literacy Action
1320 Jamesville
Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 442-9121
Contact: Linda Church

Literacy Volunteers of America
404 Oak Street
Syracuse, NY 13203
(315) 474-7039
Contact: Jonathan McKallip

For copies of B. Dalton's National Literacy Initiative Mission Statement and grant application form for funds from their Initiative program, write:

B. Dalton Bookseller
National Literacy Initiative
7505 Metro Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55435
(612) 893-7600
Contact: Jean Hammink

STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION NOTES

Two items of special interest have come out of recent Montana State Library Commission meetings.

At the August meeting of the State Library Commission in Kalispell, FY 1986 LSCA Projects were funded. Grants were awarded for the following projects: assessment of core collections in libraries; regional meetings patterned after WHCLIS; a public information program; a pilot literacy project; needs assessments of: the public library film service; deaf community services; and library services to institutions; a multi-type or multi-jurisdictional library card; the MonCat supplement; equipment acquisition of microfiche readers and VCR's in libraries; creation of a Statewide Continuing Education Plan; and evaluation of LSCA projects in general.

At its October meeting in Helena, the Commission submitted a mission statement of its goals. The Blacktail Draft Statement will be discussed for approval at the Commission's December meeting. Copies of the statement are available through Mary Jane West at the State Library (444-3115).

State Librarian, Sara Parker, has recently been appointed to the Governor's Council on Telecommunications.

WICHE CONSIDERED

The Montana University System is trying to assess the needs of Montana residents for graduate programs in Library Science. It is considering the inclusion of the Master of Library Science under the WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) Student Exchange Program. Under this program, Montanans could have part or all of their out-of-state tuition waived when they attended a participating graduate school in another western state.

Any Montana residents who might use the WICHE program, if it were available, to attend graduate library school are encouraged to write Alene Cooper at the State Library by early November. The ability of librarians to document the need for the WICHE program is crucial to its being supported by the Montana University System.

AROUND THE STATE

In October and November, the Pathfinder and South Central Federations will, for the first time, exchange workshops. In October, Ellen Newberg, South Central Coordinator, will present a program to Pathfinder librarians and trustees on how to be a good committee member. In November, Richard Gercken, Pathfinder Coordinator, will talk to South Central librarians on collection development and preparation for censorship questions.

The South Central Federation has been awarded a $25,000 grant by the Montana State Library Commission to conduct an eighteen-month project on collection development in eight area libraries. The project emphasizes the identification of core collection elements for remote library sites. Libraries in Custer, Stanford, Lavina, Ryegate, Columbus, Bridger, Worden, and at the Crow Agency Reservation, are included in the project. If you have any questions, contact Mary Bushing in Billings at 657-8258.

Genevieve Beery, Wolf Point, Karen Everett, Billings, and Cheryl Hutchinson, Helena, were Montana's three representatives to the annual WHCLIS (White House Conference on Library and Information Services) conference in Princeton, New Jersey. Discussion has begun on the possibility of a second White House Conference in 1989 with regional meetings to be held in Montana in the fall of 1986.

The Bonner branch of the Missoula Public Library closed on September 26th. Bonner, which has had a library since 1919, will now be served by the County Bookmobile on Tuesday afternoons.

Cora Austin is the new Children's Librarian at the Lewistown City Library. She replaces Ginny Bolten who has moved to Missoula.

AT THE STATE LIBRARY

The Natural Resources Information System/Natural Heritage Program has begun its operation at the State Library. Following a week of training by the Nature Conservancy in Washington, D.C., the staff of the program is beginning the long process of collecting information on plants, animals and biological communities in the state of Montana. On the staff are Lisa Sheppard, Data Technician; Nancy Grulke, Ecologist; Steve Shelley, Botanist; and David Genter, Zoologist and Project Coordinator. A Natural Resource Information System Officer to administer the contract with the Nature Conservancy and to act as a liaison between the program and the State Library will be selected soon.

John Thomas joins the State Library staff as a Reference Librarian. He comes to us from Missoula where he worked as a Librarian at Loyola-Sacred Heart High School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two new video tapes entitled "Collection Assessment" and "Collection Development Policy" are available for loan from the State Library. Produced by Mary Bushing, Billings and Barbara DeFelice, Bozeman, the tapes are based on the recent LIRN Workshop held in Billings and Helena. For more information, contact Nadine Langan at the State Library 444-3016.

Abukumagawa to Zushoryo! The State Library has recently acquired the Kodansha Encylopedia of Japan, a comprehensive 9-volume set covering historical and contemporary Japan. It's a useful resource for the academic specialist, the high school student, the general reader and the scholar. Contact the Reference Department for more details.

The RFP (Request For Proposal) for a Facilitator to prepare a statewide library continuing education plan is now available from the State Library. Contact Dianne Capron for information (444-3115).

A videotape of the October 10th videoconference sponsored by the California State Library is available for loan from the Montana State Library. For more information on the tape, Censorship and Intellectual Freedom: Public Libraries Prepare, contact Nadine Langan 444-3016.

The Lewis & Clark Library in Helena has 21 rolls of plastic book jackets in various sizes which it will give to any library which can use them. Pickup must be arranged by the recipient library. Contact Jim Heckel (442-2380) for further details.

Face-out steel shelving (color: mint green) measuring 35'' wide is available to libraries through Eastern Montana College. Contact JoAnn Meide for further details 657-1654.

The Library of the Montana Historial Society will be closed to the public from October 30, 1985 to January 2, 1986, and perhaps a bit longer, due to construction of the Society's building addition. However the library staff will continue to respond to telephone, mail and interlibrary loan requests as best as they can during this time.

The R.F.P. (Request For Proposal) for the grant to demonstrate multi-type library cooperation in Montana is now available from Sheila Cates at the State Library (444-3115).

Richard Fanestil has resigned as Librarian at the Montana State Hospital/Warm Springs Campus Library.

In the summer 1985 issue of WLN Participant published by the Western Library Network, Al Randall, Librarian-Media Specialist at Libby Senior High School, has a fine article on his experience of a recon project with WLN. Contact Darlene Staffeldt at the State Library for copies of the article.

The serials department at the Renne Library at MSU is seeking to give away old copies of the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature. Contact Anna Price in Bozeman for details (994-5300).

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